

sessions at a glance

a study of Philippians

UNIT 1: learning Bible truths and study skills

	Scripture	Question	Answer
1	Acts 16 Various passages in Philippians <i>Partnership in the Gospel</i>	Who were these people in Philippi anyway? <i>Skill: Historical Context</i>	They were a diverse mix of people including a businesswoman, a slave girl, and a jailer—all who became believers in Jesus through Paul's ministry.
2	Philippians 1 <i>Praying Scripture</i>	How does observation help me understand Scripture? <i>Skill: Observation through Outline</i>	Outlining a chapter of the Bible gives greater understanding of an author's meaning, which leads to deeper discovery of God's truth.
3	Philippians 1:12–30 <i>"To live is Christ; to die is gain"</i>	How does exploring the life of Paul give more insight into his letter? <i>Skill: Author Background</i>	Learning more about an author's background gives weight and context to his message.
4	Various passages in Philippians <i>Joy in All Circumstances</i>	A concordance—huh, what's that? <i>Skill: Word Study Using Concordance</i>	A concordance lists words and Scripture references, enabling me to do a word study, which enhances my understanding of the Bible.
5	Philippians 2:1–11 <i>Person and Work of Christ</i>	What's the main point of studying the Bible? <i>Skill: Discovering Main Theme</i>	The Bible helps me understand and believe that God saves his people from sin through the life, death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus.
6	Philippians 2:12–30 <i>Shine as Lights</i>	How can I interpret unusual phrases and figurative speech in the Bible? <i>Skill: Comparing Scripture with Scripture</i>	Interpreting the Bible includes comparing Scripture with Scripture and analyzing its language styles.

UNIT 2: applying Bible truths and study skills

7	Philippians 3:1–11 <i>Justification by Faith</i>	Can our good works make us right with God?	No, righteousness—right standing with God—is a gift from God and is received only through faith in Christ, not through any of our good works.
8	Philippians 3:7–4:1 <i>Union with Christ</i>	How is my Christian life like a race?	It requires perseverance to the finish line. Don't quit; keep running to the end, drawing on your power source—Christ in you—and growing in spiritual maturity.
9	Philippians 3:3–21 <i>Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification</i>	Justification, sanctification, glorification—what difference do these make?	These big truths help me persevere: I know that my salvation depends on Christ alone, my growth is powered by the Holy Spirit, and my body will be raised from the dead.
10	Philippians 4:1–9 <i>Standing Firm in Christ</i>	Why is it important to stand firm in Christ?	So we can grow in resolving conflicts, experiencing joy, replacing anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving, and controlling our thought life.
11	Philippians 4:10–13 <i>Contentment</i>	How can I learn to be content in both good and bad times?	By understanding that God is in control and uses both my strengths and weaknesses, I can learn to be satisfied with what he's doing in my life.
12	Philippians 4:14–23 <i>Generosity and God's Provision</i>	Can I really afford to give generously to others?	Yes, I can give freely and abundantly because I trust God as my Provider.
13	Various passages in Philippians <i>Review</i>	What is Paul's letter to the Philippians all about?	Paul wrote to encourage us to grow in Christ and follow Christ's example of joyful, humble service to God and others.